## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-54-C - ORDER NO. 2006-236

APRIL 25, 2006

IN RE: Petition of Momentum Telecom, Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to The Telecommunications Act of 1996.

ORDER HOLDING PROCEEDINGS IN ABEYANCE FOR NINETY (90) DAYS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the joint request of Momentum Telecom, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (together, the companies) that the proceedings in this docket, including any procedural schedules which have been issued, be held in abeyance for ninety (90) days. In light of this request, the parties agree to extend by ninety (90) days the statutory deadline for resolving this arbitration proceeding. The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) does not object to this request. The companies state that they will continue to negotiate while waiting for the outcome of the "change-of-law" proceedings in the BellSouth region.

We have examined this matter, and we grant the request. The proceedings in this docket, including any procedural schedules which have been issued, shall be held in abeyance for ninety (90) days. Further, the statutory deadline for resolving this arbitration proceeding shall be extended for ninety (90) days. Additional time for negotiations by the parties is a worthwhile goal. Also, the outcome of the "change-of-law" proceedings in the

BellSouth region could modify the parties' positions in this case, or the position of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairmar

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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